



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

September 8, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit (NEV2003501) from the following applicant:

Nevada Power Company
Silverhawk Generating Station
P.O. Box 98910 MS#30
Las Vegas, Nevada 89151

Nevada Power Company proposes to continue discharges related to the operation of the Silverhawk Generating Station, at a site located approximately 20 miles northeast of Las Vegas, in the Apex Industrial Park. The facility is located at 15111 Apex Power Parkway in North Las Vegas, Nevada. Access to the facility is via State Highway Route 93. The plant is a 580 megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant. The permit is for discharges of the power plant's generated wastestreams to two (2) double lined solar evaporation ponds, and a double lined brine concentrator surge pond. The proposed permit will be for a period of (5) five years.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing or by Fax, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, by October 8, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyl Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9432 or by FAX at 775.687.4684. Copies of the Fact Sheet and Public Notice may be viewed or printed from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.